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SUBJECT: SITREP 3: MORNING STARTS CALM IN CHAD

REF: NDJAMENA 66 AND PREVIOUS

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GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION  
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1.(SBU) At 0900 hrs, N'Djamena was calm, with normal levels of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Most public schools and businesses remained closed. The Airport is operating normally. Post received no reports of violence overnight.

2.(SBU) Rebel forces seem to remain at or near Massakory, some 80-90 miles NE of the capital; Government forces are in defensive positions around the capital; Pres Deby likely returned to N'Djamena last evening.

3.(SBU) Media are reporting rumors that rebel leaders have tried (or offered) to open negotiation with Deby's government, seeking some form of "power sharing."

4.(SBU) In Eastern Chad, UN has relaxed its security posture for humanitarian workers, but intends to keep them close to regional center of Abeche, which is quiet city-wide.

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EMBASSY POSTURE  
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5.(SBU) Ambassador briefed Chad Monitoring Group and EUCOM MG Keane between 0730-0830 local time.

6.(SBU) Cellphones/SMS are no longer operational, but we continue to have communication vis-a-via IVG lines, radio and sat phones.

7.(SBU) All Embassy Community personnel, including TDYers, are safe and accounted for.

8.(SBU) We are updating F-77 per Monitoring Group instructions.

9.(SBU) We are responding ASAP to State 10329.

10.(SBU) Embassy will be closed to public but functional today.

11.(SBU) Embassy will convene a follow-up EAC as first order of business 1 February.

